

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, June 9, 2015  
Council Chambers, Beck Municipal Building

**Minutes**

**Present:** J. Armstrong, J. Coite, M. Gilbert, M. Hart, S. Kegler, M. Kirk, B. O'Connor, E. Paterson

**Staff:** M. Capriola, L. Painter, C. Vincente (*Town*); C. van Zelm (*MDP*)

Meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm.

**1. Meeting Minutes**

Due to a lack of a quorum, the May 2015 meeting minutes were tabled to a future meeting.

**2. Updates:**

a. *Mansfield Tomorrow*. Painter provided an update. The public hearing has been closed. PZC discussion on Mansfield Tomorrow will continue on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

b. *Mansfield Downtown Partnership*. van Zelm provided an update on the status of the project including businesses that will be opening during the summer. Live music will be held in the Town Square June 3<sup>rd</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup>.

c. *USG*. No update.

d. *MCCP*. Next meeting will be July 8<sup>th</sup>.

e. *NextGenCT*. Hart provided an update on the status of the project. It is anticipated that the study will be presented to this Committee in July.

**3. Community School for the Arts Update**

Vincente provided an update on the first year of the partnership between UCONN and the Town regarding the Community School for the Arts Program. The program's physical space will be relocated from Depot Campus to E.O. Smith and the School of Fine Arts this fall. Staff is reviewing the program and continuing to implement changes. Changes have been implemented in regards to registration and fee collection. The program operated at a deficit for FY 14/15; UCONN is responsible for the deficit.

**4. Other Business**

Vincente offered the following announcements:

- The grand re-opening for the Skate Park will occur June 13<sup>th</sup> at 9am. The Parks has seen moderate to heavy use from E.O. Smith and UCONN students since the new equipment was installed.
- Design is being finalized for the Community Playground. Site work is anticipated for summer and the build for October. Vincente will reach out to Community Outreach re: UCONN student involvement with the build for October.

Coite provided an update on the following:

- The North Hillside Road extension is expected to open in November. Work on Route 44 will occur during the summer.
- Work on the Main Accumulation Area is expected to begin in July/August and completed by spring 2016. The building will be appx. 7,000 sq. ft.
- The permit from DEEP to connect water systems has been approved. Construction is anticipated for July; communications forthcoming.

**5. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee**

None.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Maria E. Capriola, Assistant Town Manager  
Town of Mansfield